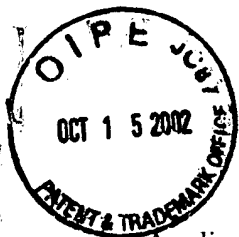


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RESPONSE

This is in response to the action mailed April 10, 2002. A request for an appropriate extension of time is being filed concurrently herewith. Please amend the application as follows:

In the claims:

Please cancel claims 82, 83 and 96-106.

Please amend claims 78 and 92-95 as follows:

-- 68. [Reiterated] A method of detecting normal, benign hyperplastic, or cancerous prostate cells or a portion thereof in a human subject, comprising:

providing an antibody or antigen binding portion thereof which binds to an extracellular domain of prostate specific membrane antigen, wherein the antibody or antigen binding portion thereof is bound to a label effective to permit detection of normal, benign hyperplastic, or cancerous prostate cells or a portion thereof;

administering the antibody or antigen binding portion thereof to the human subject;

detecting the presence of the normal, benign hyperplastic, or cancerous prostate cells or a portion thereof by detecting the label.

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